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Registration forms must be postmarked by **October 8**.
Please make check payable to the **Washington State
Department of Health**. Mail registration forms to:

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***“Trends & Strategies
for 2006”***

November 7, 2005
Seattle Marriott SeaTac Hotel
Seattle, WA

co-sponsored by ASCLS - WA

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration fee of \$95.00 includes attendance at the conference, a continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks. Advance registrations must be postmarked by **October 8, 2005**. On-site registrations will be accepted the morning of the conference, but will not include lunch. Full payment must accompany all registrations. Those registrations received without full payment will be held and the registrant notified. Due to hotel and session expense obligations, no refunds are permitted.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Seattle Marriott SeaTac Hotel at a special conference rate of \$110.00 per night plus tax if reservations are made by **October 13**. For reservations, call (206) 241-2000 or (800) 643-5479. Be sure to mention “Washington State Department of Health” to qualify for the special rate. The Marriott operates a shuttle service from SeaTac International Airport.

LOCATION

The Seattle Marriott SeaTac Hotel is located at 3201 South 176th Street. From I-5, take exit #152 to 188th Street. Follow 188th Street West to Pacific Highway South (International Blvd.) and turn right. After two miles, turn right at 176th Street. The Marriott Hotel is up the hill on the right.

The Conference will be held in the Washington Ballroom. Please contact Leonard Kargacin (206) 418-5416 if you have any special assistance needs.

PARKING RATE: The Hotel parking rate for Conference attendees is **\$6.00** per car, per day (mention that you are attending an all-day conference).

AGENDA

7:45 - 8:15	Registration
8:15 - 8:30	Opening Remarks Romesh Gautam, PhD Director, Washington State Public Health Laboratories
8:30 - 10:00	Keynote Address “ <i>Washington Alert For Labs: Key National Developments & Trends For Today & The Future</i> ” Dennis Weissman
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:30	“ <i>What’s New in Laboratory Regulation and the Inspection Process</i> ” Lori Hudson, MTS Program Kathy Steffens, JCAHO Steve Sarewitz, MD, CAP
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 4:30	“ <i>Current Trends in Laboratory Management</i> ” Lee Darrow, Virginia Mason Medical Center Anna Franklin, Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories Joanne Simpson, Children’s Hospital and Regional Medical Center
4:30 - 4:45	Conference Wrap-up

P.A.C.E. continuing education credits through the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science will be available for the Conference. ASCLS-WA is a co-sponsor of the seminar.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Dennis Weissman, President of Dennis Weissman & Associates, LLC and Founder and Executive Editor of G-2 Reports, will provide the conference opening keynote address. His presentation will explain how specific Medicare policy changes and initiatives including the start-up of Medicare PPOs, new CLIA cytology PT requirements, implementation of a lab competitive bidding demonstration project, and new 2006 CPT codes will impact laboratory interests. The speaker will also address late-breaking congressional and regulatory developments and analyze what they will mean to the lab industry.

Lori Hudson from the Washington State Department of Health Medical Test Site licensing program, **Steve Sarewitz, MD**, Checklist Commissioner from the CAP, and **Kathie Steffens**, Associate Director of JCAHO Laboratory Accreditation Services, will present an update on the laboratory inspection/accreditation process. The speakers will review the changes to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulations in 2003-2004 and highlight the implementation of the changes into their programs. New directions and trends will be discussed. There will be time for questions.

Healthcare is in a financial crisis today. Healthcare organizations of all sizes are challenged to improve quality and expand service without the addition of new resources or new space. **Lee Darrow**, Laboratory Administrative Director at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, and **Joanne Simpson**, Laboratory Director at Children’s Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle, will discuss the implementation of Lean principles, standard work, and single piece flow that results in improved turn around times and better utilization of space. Case studies of these improvements, unanticipated challenges, and lessons learned will be presented. Where as Lean management principles are generally applied in larger healthcare systems, the Rapid Process Improvement (RPI) process can be applied anywhere from the small physician office or clinic to large hospitals and medical centers. **Anna Franklin**, Quality Assurance Manager at Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories in Spokane, will discuss the RPI approach as one way to pave the road to better financial health of the facility. RPI will analyze and improve critical processes—and all within a 3-day timeframe! RPI will improve quality, cost, delivery, speed, productivity, safety, and morale in any size facility. Take the RPI challenge to improve your laboratory’s efficiency and eliminate waste almost immediately. There will be ample time for questions from the audience.